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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO OUTGOING GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. BITSIOS, PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES AS YOU RELINQUISH YOUR POSITION AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF GREECE. YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY ABLY, IN ITS EMBASSIES ABROAD, AT THE UNITED NATIONS, AND IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AS FOREIGN MINISTER. YOU CAN BE PROUD OF YOUR RECORD AND OF THE CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE MADE TO REAFFIRMING THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF A DEMOCRATIC GREECE WITH THE OTHER DEMOCRATIC NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WE HAVE DEVELOPED. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END TEXT.

2. DEPT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD RECIPIENT WISH TO DO SO. VANCE

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